Dear Parents,

Welcome back to our new school term. I hope you have had a good break from routine and the children are well rested. On Tuesday the staff were led by Father David at our Staff Development Day. The topic was the Year of Mercy. Pope Francis has declared a Year of Mercy in 2016. This will begin on the 8th of December 2015 and we will celebrate this with mass at Holy Name Church. As Pope Francis has shown that he is willing to “come out of the church” and go to the peripheries – to meet and see the wounded amongst us, he implores us to seek out those on the periphery of our world and lives and seek them out and show mercy. We will explore ways we can authentically explore this theme with our students and families over the coming year.

Today at assembly Mrs Armstrong encouraged children to access the EMU Express challenges for fun but also to assist with our home/parent engagement in Mathematics. This week’s challenge can be found on the last page of the newsletter.

Our school calendar has been updated and all dates are on the website. Please note the change in the Band Concert evening. You are all welcome to the Year 4 Family Mass and Blessing of Animals at Holy Name this Sunday the 11th of October. For those who have not attended the animal blessing before – the animals either stay outside or come after the 9.15am mass for their blessing. The Prouille Soccer and Netball clubs also hold their presentations after the blessing (please see flyer below).

If you love trivia nights or just a night out with friends the details for booking are included. Please see the flyer below regarding the parish fundraiser.

Next Monday evening Mrs Lorimer, our literacy co-ordinator, and Mrs Chapman, our Learning Support teacher will host a parent information session at 6.30pm in the library. The focus will be on reading in the early years but all parents are welcome to attend.

We wish our senior relay team good luck at the PSSA Athletics event next week. Congratulations to Matt M (6AC) who has been selected by the AFL Sydney Swans Academy. Matt went through an extensive selection process in order to be offered a place and will continue with the academy over the next three years.

We welcome a new family to our school community with Ella M joining Class 2O and Jack M joining Class 1E.

A note has been sent home today to each family from the P&F Association in relation to the upcoming AGM, Position Nominations and P&F Survey online.

Thank you to Catholic Schools Office building team who have facilitated roof repairs over the last few months, we now should be leak free.

Council Rangers were present at Prouille on Wednesday afternoon so a reminder to please be aware of school zone road rules. Rangers were very complimentary of the systems we have in place and the parent attitude to safety. Thank you all for putting the safety of the children as such a high priority.

Earlier in the year applications were made to council to repair and add to the footpath in front of Kiss and Drop and to remove dead branches from above the area as well as the tree near the crossing that was dying due to termite activity and rot. We are grateful to council for attending to these matters so promptly.

Regards

Julie Caldwell
UPCOMING DIARY DATES

Term 4 2015
Week 1
11 Oct Holy Name Church Family Mass for Year 4 & Blessing of the Animals (9.15am) Netball and Soccer Presentations
Week 2
12 Oct Reading with your Child - Parent Information Session (6.30pm-7.30pm in Library)
14 Oct Year 1 Excursion
14 Oct NSW PSSA Athletics
15 Oct NSW PSSA Athletics
16 Oct Assembly (2.30pm)
18 Oct Year 4 Social Event
Week 3
19 Oct Crazy Sock Day (Mission Fundraiser)
23 Oct Assembly (2.30pm)
22 Oct Mission Mass - Student Representatives attending
Week 4
26th Oct P and F Meeting 7.30pm
Week 5
7th Nov Parish Trivia Night
8th Nov Year 5 Family Mass
Week 6
14th & 15th Nov Band Workshop @ Prouille
Week 7
18th Nov Andrew Chin evening performance 6.00pm

Link to School Calendar on school website for further information and dates

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING

During Week 2 Term 4 our PBL (Positive Behaviour for Learning) focus at school (and home) is:

❖ At Prouille we are **respectful responsible learners when we are Cyber Safety Aware and Cyber Smart.**

RELIGIOUS NEWS

Mission Month at Prouille October is Mission Month. The students of Prouille will be engaged in a ‘Mission Week Experience’ run by Year 6 and the Mission Leaders. The experience focusses on our call to mission as we reflect on people who are less fortunate than us, in particular, a group of children living in poverty in Madagascar.

We are having a ‘Crazy Sock Day’ fundraiser to contribute to this cause and I encourage you all to participate. It is lots of fun and as much as $824 of raised money could cover the cost of installing one water pump at a school in Madagascar.

As recognition of this important month, the Mission Leaders, along with Mrs Davidson, will be attending the Mission Mass on Thursday 22nd October, at the Broken Bay Cathedral at Waitara along with students and teachers from all over the Diocese. It looks to be a very special Mass.
Monday 19th October 2015 World Mission Month Appeal

As a school community we will be holding a Crazy Sock Day on Monday 19th October as a fundraising opportunity to help support these children in Madagascar. Students can wear ‘crazy’ socks with their school uniform for the day and are asked to bring in a gold coin to be given to their classroom teacher as a donation in support of this cause.

Students are to be as imaginative as they can with their ‘crazy’ socks. For example; they may decide to wear colourful knee high socks or patterned socks of different lengths or choose to decorate their socks in any way they desire. You are only limited by your imagination.

Thank you to our Year 6 Mission Leaders and teachers for all that they have done and are continuing to do in raising awareness during World Mission Month.

LEARNING AND TEACHING NEWS

EMU EXPRESS Term 4 Week 1 This week’s challenge can be found on the last page of the newsletter

Write down all your solutions on a piece of paper and put it in the Elmo Emu Challenge Box near Student Reception. Make sure you write your name and class on your solution.

International Competitions and Assessments for School Competition Results 2015 - MATHEMATICS

Seventy eight students participated in the 2015 Spelling Competition and were awarded –1 High Distinction, 5 Distinction, 25 Credit, 7 Merit and 40 Participation certificates.

High Distinction: Angus R Yr4

Distinction: Mikey D Yr2; Owen M Yr3; Lucia M Yr3; Ines Yr3; Jemma V Yr4

Credit: William B Yr 2; Matthew F Yr2; Byron K Yr2; Oscar K Yr 2, Georgia L Yr2; William M Yr2; Ava M Yr2,; Nicolas S Yr2; Lois A Yr3; Jordan F Yr3; Patrick M Yr3; Alex G Yr3; Sophie M Yr3; Adrina W Yr3; Max G Yr4; Mia H Yr4; Stanley H Yr4; Amanda K Yr4; Molly M Yr4; Andrew T Yr4; Mattia C Yr5; Daniel K Yr5; Ethan M Yr5; Toby W Yr5; Eric B Yr 6

Merit: Ruby H Yr2; Eliza W Yr2; Henry D Yr3; Ashleigh C Yr4; Beau P Yr4; Natalie B Yr6; Daniel H Yr 6

PARISH NEWS

Walk to Water 2015  On Sunday 13th September a group of Parishioners undertook our second Walk to Water from Wahroonga to Bobbin Head to raise money for the people of Africa.

It was the best weather we could have asked for and, once again, the walk was a different experience for each person. Thankfully, everyone arrived at Bobbin Head for a delicious sausage sizzle albeit via the bottom and knees for some!

The exciting part is we raised $594 for the Open Doors organisation. What a great result!

This year’s Tina Britton-Johnson Award for Survival Way Outside their Comfort Zone, goes to Cynthia and Grant H who, as enthusiastic walkers wanting a lovely stroll in the bush, discovered the challenges of the Bobbin Head walk, navigating rocks, water,
mud, lost tracks but, most importantly, great community to see them arrive at Bobbin Head in one piece. Cynthia turns 80 in January so is a great inspiration for anyone contemplating the walk in the future.

Finally, a big thank you to the volunteers who organised, cooked and drove—we couldn’t have done it without you.

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**OFFICE NEWS**

**School Fees**  A reminder to all families paying school fees on termly instalments, BPAY, etc. Please check your statement and ensure all payments are up to date.

**P & F NEWS**

**AGM, Nominations and Survey**  The P&F Association AGM, Position Nominations and P&F Survey online information has been sent home with children today.

**Survey**  Thank you to everyone who has completed our survey. Great ideas, suggestions and feedback coming through. If you have not yet completed the survey, please click the link below.  
[www.surveymonkey.com/r/S5KRZJH](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/S5KRZJH) by 18th October.

It takes about 5 minutes and your thoughts are greatly appreciated.
Wednesday is School Banking Day!

**Commonwealth Bank School Banking Update – Please Read**

Following the decision last month to recall the Cosmic Light Beam Torch due to a potential safety issue, a decision has been made to also withdraw the Lunar Light Band reward from the School Banking Rewards Program.

To avoid disappointment there is a new reward item available for redemption in Term 4 while stocks last. Students can now test their skills with a game of frisbee with the new Galaxy Glider! Don’t forget the Outer Space Savers Money Box is also available in Term 4.

Once students have collected 10 tokens, they can simply include a note, along with their 10 tokens in their deposit wallet on banking day to advise that they would like to redeem their tokens for the Galaxy Glider reward item.

Bankers eligible to claim a reward please remember to complete a reward coupon and return it, along with your 10 tokens, with your next School banking to ensure you receive the reward of your choice! Please note due to the reward changes a new Reward Slip is now available from the office and online.

**Note:** If you cannot locate your reward coupon, a replacement card may be printed by visiting School Banking on the Prouille School web page.

School Banking is now on the Prouille School Web page!

For more information, visit School Banking Prouille website.

Regards
School Banking Team

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**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**Water Street Netball - Presentation Day** We look forward to welcoming all players to the 2015 Presentation Day this Sunday at the Parish Picnic (in the sunroom at 11am). We will also be holding our club AGM at that time to elect our Committee for 2016. I would again like to thank all who assisted on the Committee, all coaches and managers and all parents who show their support each week! I would also like to add that it has been a joy to see these girls give their all each week this season. It’s been a wonderful netball year all round!

New Players - Friday Fun days: School Playground from 3.30 to 4.15 (Wks 2,3,4)

For all Stage 1 children and NetSetGo kids who would like to play in a team in 2016, we are holding netball fun afternoons starting in Week 2. Any older girls are also very welcome as we would like to form our teams by the end of the year (to save the rush in the first weeks back next year).

Soon all current players will receive information on how to register. Please note, all registrations for the 2016 will be online.

We look forward to seeing everyone at the Parish Picnic on Sunday.

Mary Weaver
My Dear Prouille Footballing Family

It is my great pleasure to let you know that Prouille FC has been announced as the Northern Suburbs Football Association's Champion Club for Season 2015!! It is an amazing achievement for our little club, and it really puts into perspective the efforts of our volunteer coaches, managers, and committee members. Check it out on the scrolling highlights (and the photo of our wonder Prouille Ladies): [www.nsfa.asn.au](http://www.nsfa.asn.au).

Come and celebrate! Fun, food, and frivolity for the whole family this coming Sunday October 11th with the annual Presentation Day and Parish Picnic at Holy Name Church. The gathering will kick off at 10.30am with the Annual Blessing of Animals (don’t forget to bring some plastic bags) following the 9.15am mass.

Coaches and managers, this is when you need to return your kit – Silvio Sella will be collecting them on the day. In preparation please check your balls and ditch any that won’t hold air. Ensure that the rest of your equipment is in good working order, and please make a list of all remaining items to speed the process. Bibs and keepers jerseys should washed and dry.

It will be a great day so bring all the kiddies and settle in for a wonderful picnic - the presentation ceremonies will begin approximately 11.30am.

In the meantime don’t stress, we’ll be back on the field before you know it.

To help pass the time, get a table together for the Holy Name Church Grand Trivia Evening on 7th November from 7pm - book at [http://www.trybooking.com/JDIS](http://www.trybooking.com/JDIS).

See you Sunday.

Michael Trinder  - President, Prouille FC, Mo: 0406 753 029, President@prouillesoccer.com.au
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Elmo Emu loves Mathematics at Prouille!

EMU EXPRESS - Term 4 Week 1

Each fortnight, there will be an Elmo Emu Challenge, a different number for Infants (K-2) and Primary (3-6) to number bust and number line activities for students to complete.

This fortnight's Elmo Emu Challenge

This fortnight we are exploring the concept of time.  This week’s fortnight challenge:

Infants: Make a list of some things that are impossible and some things that are certain
Primary: Elmo Emu spun a spinner lots of times. It landed on blue most of the time, on red some of the time and only once on white and yellow. Draw a diagram to show what the spinner might look like.

Write down your solutions on a piece of paper and put it in the Elmo Emu Challenge Box near Student Reception. Make sure you write your name and class on your solution. DUE WEDNESDAY 21 OCTOBER 2015

NUMBER BUSTING ACTIVITY

Infants (K-2) number 20
Primary (3-6) number 144

Remember number busting is when you break a number into smaller parts.

WHAT’S NEW IN TECHNOLOGY FOR MATHEMATICS LEARNING?

Tens Frame Snap is a fun game that infants children can play on an iPad or phone to help develop knowledge of friends of ten. Simply type in Tens Frame Snap in Google or the iTunes store to find it. The full version is $1.29 or there is a lite version that it free.

http://www.littlemonkeyapps.com/friendsoften

NUMBER LINE ACTIVITY

Can you work out what he mystery number is?

0  ?  1000

Write down the mystery number and explain why you chose that number. Put your solution in he Elmo Emu Challenge Box near Student Reception. Make sure you write your name and class on your solution.

DUE WEDNESDAY 21 OCTOBER 2015